prejudicial on others like himself in the Taluk has already gone to great extent by this delay.

I wonder that such thing should have happened when you are the sole head of that Office. You know, I own extensive lands there & every body's security of life & property is dependent on the issue of this case. Hence, I ventured to write to you direct in a matter in which I should in the ordinary course have written to the Papers, in the belief that I am thereby doing an act of friendship by putting you in possession of correct information as to the trend of public opinion on the subject.

I may go to Mysore 3 or 4 days hence but I have not increase on your tell I know from you that you are free. We waited on Mr. Bonnerji & he received us well.

Yours sincerely

A. Hydari

SIDDIKATTA
BANGALORE CITY.
18th June 1922.

Dear Mr. Mirza,

I hope you had a happy time of it in your tour to Simla. You must be now over busy with the Birthday celebrations.

I am writing this on an important subject which concerns your reputation for righteousness.

Abkari murder case was disposed of by the Chief Court three months ago. Channapatna began to breathe free but the Palligar appealed for mercy. I myself was questioned about it by my ryots & others & I assured them that as his petition would go to you, it will be disposed of immediately & this the only way in which it

could be. Days and weeks passed and the petition was still pending. That in a most extraordinary event to happen in a civilized country in a murder case of such importance. In British India where the petition has to go to London, result would have been known months ago.

This delay, naturally, tickled the gullibility of Dame Rumour & she began to wag her tongue very freely. Channapatna rajahs were told that the anti-brahmin clique went to you on a deputation headed by Rao Saheb Channiah & that therefore you were persuading His Highness to let the matter go, which will be [illegible] moment to mistaking him as a full fledged pallegar of his Taluk. Of course Mysoreans who are keenly interested in the

matter, as the scene of murder is only [illegible] mile from our village, whispered [illegible] intimation to me can't tales me with questions over a month ago. I snubbed them for their folly in believing such nonsense. All the same, they believed it, because of the extra-ordinary delay that had occured.

You must have seen the para that appeared in the 'Sampada Gaarudaya' involving Lakshmikantaraj Urs in the intrigue. A man of your shrewdness can easily see whether the insinuation which His Highness enjoys from the attentions of Dame Rumour, because of the love people have for him would endure long if the matter is kept pending or a decision favourable to him is given. The moral effect of his